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July 27, 1981

Dear Senator Boschwitz:

Thank you for your letter of July 7 on behalf of your constituent, [ ] concerning the imprisonment in Argentina of Cristanto Ripodas. 8L

According to the latest information from our Embassy in Buenos Aires, Mr. Ripodas has been a detainee of the Argentine penal system since November 1974 and is currently being held in Rawson Prison. The Embassy has made several requests to the Argentine Government for permission to interview Mr. Ripodas, but the Argentine Government has denied these requests on the grounds that Mr. Ripodas is under "judicial process" and has a charge pending against him. While Mr. Ripodas remains under "judicial process" he is not eligible for the "right of option" to leave Argentina.

Yours sincerely,

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U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

( ) Release ☒ Excise ( ) Deny

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Enclosure:

Correspondence returned.

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